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MOVEMENTS OF SOVIET AND CANADIAN OFFICIALS (1944)

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To: The CHIEF DIRECTOR.

Reference your No. 157.

1. I did not start[a] the [B% discussion] about the trip to VANCOUVER. Rear-Admiral JONES[DzhONS], Chief of the Naval Staff, suggested to me [C% at a luncheon] that I should go to VANCOUVER [1 group unrecovered], where I [1 group unrecovered] with a [C% courier].
2. On [1 group unrecovered] journey I plan to travel [via][b]:
 - (a) WINNIPEG - training centres for infantry, artillery and parachute troops.
 - (b) KINGSTON: the largest officer training centre[,][b] [B% saving] the OTTAWA area - the air training centres - for ROGOV's[i] trip.
3. [1 group unrecovered][c] the General Staff invited us to inspect an aluminium combine. I decided not to refuse since this is a trip which does not involve work [EKSKURSIONNAYA POEZIDKA]. Latterly we have not [C% strictly]

[14 groups unrecovered]

. EVSTIGNEEV[ii] intends to arrange for LEFEBVRE [LEFEBR][iii] to visit the front and I was asked what I thought about this. If a trip like this were granted him, we could get greater opportunities [C% for trips]. I consider that it is [B% perhaps] not worth turning down VANCOUVER just because we do not study the West, and the trip is proposed for April-May.

[11 groups unrecoverable]

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- Notes: [a] Or: 'It wasn't I who started the'
- [b] Inserted by translator.
- [c] Possibly a date in January.
- [d] Possibly: 'refuse'.
- [e] The next words could be 'the front'.

- Comments: [i] ROGOV: Maj. V. M. ROGOV, Soviet Assistant Military Attaché for Air in OTTAWA.
- [ii] EVSTIGNEEV: Brig. Gen. V. N. EVSTIGNEEV was head of Foreign Affairs Section of the People's Commissariat for Defence 1941-45.
- [iii] LEFEBVRE: Probably Brigadier H. LEFEBVRE, Canadian Army, who was seconded to the Dept. of External Affairs 31st March, 1943.
- [iv] GRANT: Col. Nikolaj I. ZABOTIN, Soviet Military Attaché in OTTAWA.

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